



Whitman Today

Monday, December 14, 2020

A Student Serving Students



While much of the nation spent the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 3 anxiously awaiting presidential election results, Jonathan Weinberg '22 stood shivering outside a Concord, New Hampshire polling station. He was waiting for the unofficial results of the [Concord School Board District B election](#). His name was on the ballot.

Weinberg has wanted to make an influence on the education system in his hometown since he was a student in the district, not too many years ago. Then, an opportunity presented itself: an opening on the school board.

The junior philosophy major at Whitman felt called to step forward—he saw a need for young voices in education, especially at a time when school was virtual due to the pandemic. Weinberg announced his candidacy and as news spread throughout town, immense support poured in from family, friends and the community.

[Read more about Weinberg and his campaign.](#)

Announcements

Whitman Bookstore Sale

Looking for something to read during the break? Then head to the [Whitman Bookstore online](#) to take advantage of their current sale. From now through Dec. 15, get 25% off all books (fiction, non-fiction, children's books, cookbooks...everything except textbooks). Looking for something specific? Call the bookstore at 509-527-5274 to place your special order!

Off-campus House/Apartment Rentals for 2021-2022

The selection process for Whitman's off-campus rentals will be done on a first come, first serve basis. The [link to the application](#) will be available on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020 at 6 a.m. You must be a current Whitman student with an academic level of junior or senior, 21+ years old, or have approval from the Residence Life office.

IMPORTANT RENTAL DATES:

- Available rentals posted: Monday, Dec. 14
- Applications open: Friday, Dec. 18 at 6 a.m.
- Applications due: Friday, Jan. 15, 2021 by 4 p.m.
- Notices sent out: Friday, Jan. 22
- Leases signed and deposits paid by: Friday, Jan. 29

For more information visit [the off-campus rentals page of our website](#). Additional questions may be emailed to offcampusrentals@whitman.edu.

Noteworthy

Torres Welcomes First Child

Genesis Torres, administrative assistant for Reid Campus Center, welcomed her first child. Born Thursday, Dec. 3, baby Valentin Sandoval Torres (pictured) was 19 and 3/4" and weighed 6 lbs. 8 oz. Mom, Dad and Valentin are all home and doing well.



Sociology Professors' COVID-19 Impact Survey Featured

This summer Alissa Cordner and Michelle Janning, sociology professors, carried out a survey of Washington state residents on how the coronavirus pandemic has impacted their lives. [Coverage of the survey by NW News Network](#) highlights the findings, including that the majority of people reported delaying medical care.

[Share a Personal or Professional Accomplishment](#)

Campus and Community Health



Help Stop the Spread of COVID-19

[Washington Exposure Notifications](#) (also known as WA Notify) is a new tool that works through smartphones, without sharing any personal information, to alert users if they may have been exposed to COVID-19. It is completely private, and doesn't know or track who you are or where you go.

WA Notify is not a contact tracing app. The app doesn't collect or exchange any personal information, so it isn't possible for any entity (the state, county or Whitman's Coronavirus Task Force) to know who you have been in contact with. Although we strongly encourage all members of our community to enable WA Notify, the Everbridge Contact Tracing app remains an essential part of our Whitman College spring safety plan so that we can quickly follow up with anyone who may be exposed to COVID-19 on our campus.

[Everbridge Instructions for iOS](#)

[Everbridge for Android](#)

[Everbridge FAQs](#)

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All times are listed in Pacific Daylight Time.

Submissions are welcome! If you have a professional or personal accomplishment to celebrate, an event to publicize or other content to share with the Whitman community, email whitmantoday@whitman.edu. Submissions should be 125 words or less. The deadline for submissions is noon for the following day's newsletter, though submissions may be held for a later date according to space and editorial needs.

